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FM AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA

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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR PONTOON BRIDGE.

1. GOC DROUGHT DOORDINATOR DJONOUA TOLD EMBASSY AND
FEI MISSUON YESTERDAY THAT LEVEL OF CHARI RIVER AT N'DJAMENA
IS LIKELY TO GO DOWN SO LOW AS TO MAKE FERRY UNUSABLE. ONLY
ALTERNATIVES TO MASSIVE AIRLIFTS OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES ARE
(A) DREDGING A CHANNEL, AND (B) BUILDING A TEMPORARY BRIDGE.
BECAUSE SHIFTING SAND WOULD PROBABLY MAKE DREDGING INEFFECTIVE,
SINGLE-LAND, 200-300 METER PONTOON BRIDGE MIGHT BE BEST
SOLOUTION.

2. EXCEPT FOR AIR FREIGHT, ALL GOODS REACHING N'DJAMENA FROM
NIGERIA AND NORTHERN CAMEROON MUST CROSS CHARI RIVER.
WATER LEVEL IS SO LOW THAT LOADED FERRY IS ALREADY REQUIRED
SNAKE ITS WAY ACROSS TO AVOID SANDBARS. LEVEL SHOULD
CONTINUE TO DECLINE UNTIL JULY. NEW SOUNDINGS FARTHER FROM
CITY HAVE NOT YET DISCOVERED SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE CROSSING.

3. PURPOSE THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT DEPT AND AID TO
PROBABLE OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM GOC, POSSIBLE TO U.S. REP
BAMAKO, FOR PONTOON BRIDGE. IN VIEW OF INFEASIBILITY AND
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COST OF MASSIVE AIRLIFT, I BELIEVE IT VERY MUCH OUR INTEREST

TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRIDGE IF FACTS SHOW ONE MUST BE
BUILT. IF WE CAN RESPOND FAVORABLY WHEN THIS REQUEST RECEIVED
NEED FOR ACTION WILL BE SUPER-URGENT. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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